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CHECK DAMS UNDER MGNREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of check dams constructed under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) the number and percentage of such check dams which are unfit to use;

(c) whether Government has devised monitoring and regulatory mechanism to monitor the quality of works under the MGNREGS;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI PRADEEP JAIN 'ADITYA')

(a) & (b): The primary objective of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) is to enhance the livelihood security of the rural households, by providing on demand up to 100 days of guaranteed wage employment in a year to every rural household for doing unskilled manual work. Creation of durable assets and strengthening the livelihood resource base of the rural poor is also an important objective of the Act. The State-wise details of number of check dams taken up and completed under MGNREGA since inception as reported by States/UTs in Management Information System (MIS) so far are given in Annexure. Responsibility for making arrangements for maintenance of assets/works under MGNREGA rests with concerned State Governments/Union Territories.

(c) to (e): Implementation of schemes formulated under Section 4 of MGNREGA is the responsibility of the States/ UTs. There is a comprehensive system of monitoring and review of the implementation of all the programmes of the Ministry, including MGNREGA, which inter-alia include Periodic Progress Reports, Performance Review Committee meetings, Area Officers' Scheme, National Level Monitors and Vigilance & Monitoring Committees at the State and District levels. To ensure quality of works under MGNREGA following steps have been taken by the Ministry.

(i) Technical Manuals on Watershed Development, Natural Resource Management (NRM), Forestry and MGNREGA Works Field Manual have been prepared and circulated to all the States.

(ii) For gap filling, value addition and convergence of MGNREGA with other development programmes of the Government which have similar target groups, convergence guidelines have been developed and disseminated by the Ministry.